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In early December 1954, the 1955 financial plan of the GDR Ministry of Machine Construction was not yet completed. The main reason for this relay was an alleged surplus of 84,000 workers in the machine building industry inthe first quarter of 1959, these workers used not to be discharged but were to be employed on important production projects, the useful employment of these surplus workers necessivated a repeated change of production and investment plans.

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